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RESPONSE

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed  
September 25, 1998 ("Office Action"), please amend the  
application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 24.

Amend claims 1 and 37 as follows.

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B1 1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation  
comprising a hydrofluoroalkane (HFA) propellant; a  
physiologically effective amount of a medicament for inhalation;  
and a surfactant selected from the group consisting of a C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>  
fatty acid or salt thereof, a bile salt, a phospholipid, and an  
alkyl saccharide, wherein the ratio of surfactant to medicament  
is in the range of 1:50 to 1:0.2.

B2 37. (Amended) A method for the treatment of a patient  
in need of therapy with a medicament, comprising administering to

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